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Mr. Gary Baughman Hazardous Waste Facilities Unit Leader Colorado Department of Health 4210 East 11th Avenue Denver, Colorado 80220

Dear Mr. Baughman:

This correspondence is in response to a letter, dated January 6, 1992, from yourself, to Frazer Lockhart, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), regarding the review and comment on the Final Phase I RFI/RI Work Plan for OU 9, Original Process Waste Lines, Rocky Flats Plant, November 1991.

The letter states that the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) will grant conditional approval of this document provided that specified conditions are met. It further states that if these conditions are not met by February 10, 1992, approval of the workplan is negated and that DOE will be in violation of the Interagency Agreement (IAG) and may be liable for stipulated penalties that will accrue from January 6, 1992.

In an August 14, 1991, letter from yourself to Frazer Lockhart, DOE, regarding the Draft Phase I RFI/RI Work Plan for OU 9, CDH made only abbreviated comments to this version of the document. It is DOE's position that the revised document is substantially improved from the draft document you reviewed in August 1991. Based on the comments contained in your January 6, 1992, letter, we believe the revised document addressed concerns stated in your August 14, 1991, letter. Thus, it does not seem reasonable to threaten DOE with supulated penalties related to an entirely new set of comments.

We have reviewed both CDH and EPA comments in your January 6, 1992, letter and feel that the majority of them are reasonable. However, there are several comments which will require some discussion between DOE, CDH and EPA. An initial meeting was held on Friday, January 24, 1992, specifically to discuss these comments.

As an additional note, the Rocky Flats Plant Risk Assessment Technical Working Group has scheduled a meeting on February 21, 1992, to discuss the issue of conducting environmental evaluations at plant site Operable Units Note that this meeting was recommended in a second letter, dated January 6, 1992, from yourself to Frazer Lockhart, DOE Since both CDH and EPA have commented on the environmental evaluation in this Work Plan, we request that the

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February 10, 1992, deliverable date specified in your initial January 6, 1992, letter be moved to February 28, 1992. This will enable us to adequately revise the environmental evaluation portion of the document per the recommendations of CDH, EPA and the Natural Resource Trustees for biological resources. In addition, the extra time will allow us to more completely address the bulk of CDH and EPA comments on this Work Plan.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Frazer Lockhart, of my staff, at 966-7846.

Sincerely,

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